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Have A Fine Turkey Day - Food Mart



FOOD MART MEAT MANAGER BILL FARWELL of Feeding Hills holds some of the store's prized table-setting possessions suited to grace any dinner table on Thanksgiving Day. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

THE REAL BIRD



ERIC SCHAE DLICH of Maiden Valley Poultry Farms in Feeding Hills holds "The real bird" which will soon be on someone's Thanksgiving Day table. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



SHOPPING FOR THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY CLEARINGHOUSE are local youngsters, from left: Justin David, Erica Schlaffer, Beth Ricardi and Sarah Plantanitis. The children spent money they themselves earned for the Clearinghouse which collects food for residents who are in need during the holiday season. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

DeLucchi Says Budget Top Item

By Stuart Parker

In continuing our series of interviews with newly elected members of Town Council, *Advertiser/News* Town Hall reporter Stuart Parker discusses several issues with councilor-elect Mario "Mike" DeLucchi from Precinct One.

Mario DeLucchi, councilor-elect from Precinct One, looks forward to addressing the budget in the 1982-84 council session.

DeLucchi nudged incumbent Frederick Nardi by eight votes and handily defeated Joseph Davis in the November 3 election for one of the two precinct seats. Nardi will again represent Precinct One along with DeLucchi.

"I hope the keep people from being laid off," DeLucchi said in reference to the hard fiscal times ahead. He added that if cuts were necessary in the municipal budget, it would first require study. He said his vote would not "represent any special interest group."

"If there is a proposal that is not good for the town as a whole, then that proposal is not good and I will not support it," the local mail-carrier told us.

DeLucchi reiterated his regret that former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen had eliminated most of the town's Park and Recreation programs and complimented the council's return of some funding to the department.

He observed, "I doubt we can reinstate the department to its full budget. But I hate to lose programs that mold our children and their future."

DeLucchi says he would support legislation to develop the Bowles Airport property into an industrial park. He notes that the town badly needs to increase its tax base and said that the development of a sound industrial park here would be an asset to the town.

The development of the Bowles property, now owned by the Springfield Newspapers, is under study by the Springfield Area Development Commission, a private group now working with town officials to see if such an industrial park could be possible here.

Within his precinct, DeLucchi said he will work for the development of Danahy School which closed last June due to declining student enrollment in the town's school system. The school is now boarded-shut.



PCT. 1 COUNCILMAN-ELECT
MIKE DELUCCHI

"Something should be done with it. I would hate to see the school left to deteriorate," he said, adding, "I think the proposal to use it for housing for the elderly is a popular one within the precinct. We have a large elderly population and that seems to be a solid choice for the school."

DeLucchi's strong showing in the November 3 election may have resulted from his position as a letter carrier for the Agawam Post Office in his precinct and his positions and involvement at Saint Anthony Church in North Agawam.

DeLucchi is currently president of the Parish Council and has long been associated with the workings of the popular North Agawam church.

Conte Says Wood Stoves Hitting Record Pace

By Stuart Parker

With the popularity of wood burning stoves spreading like wildfire, Building Inspector Joseph Conte and assistant Mario DeClementi have issued a record 29 wood stove permits for the month of October and anticipate another 20 when the November count is in.

While there are no legal ramifications for those with stoves properly inspected by the town, residents still may be liable for insurance benefits.

Wood stove permits are \$15 and allow for an average of three inspections: one before installation, one during, and one after the installation is completed.

Additional inspections and advice, Conte says, are offered with no further charge to the homeowner.

"People who install their stoves without proper inspections often have to do it over to prevent a fire hazard," Conte notes.

Of the \$15 fee which covers about 1/3 of the inspection cost, Conte said, "We didn't want to discourage homeowners from converting to wood burning stoves so we've kept the fee low."

Conte went on to say that those with wood burning stoves have saved approximately 60 percent on their past fuel bills, for a minimum average of \$1000 investment in the stove, chimney preparation and installation.

"For a stove to pass inspection it must have a brass tag attached to it," DeClementi said. This tag certifies that the stove has been tested by UL or another such laboratory.

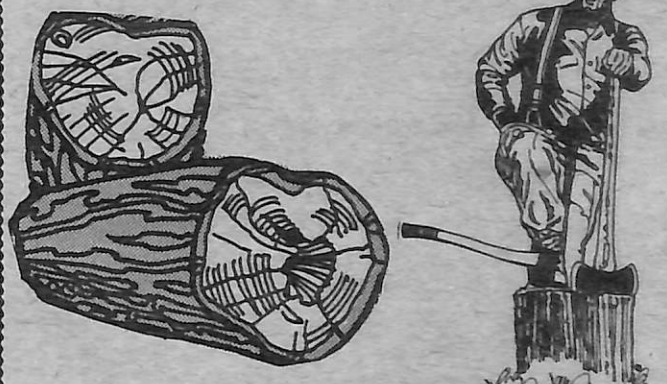
Conte also warned against people offering services as professional installers. He said these individuals are often inexperienced and opportunists.

Agawam has not had a fire due to poor installation of an inspected stove, however, two years ago two fires were caused by gloves people had worn when filling their stoves. This carelessness caused burning materials to spill and created the fires.

"Home practices are the most important thing to watch for," Conte said. "A newspaper held 36 inches from a stove will ignite in a matter of minutes," he added.

Each wood burning stove has different safety requirements based on surrounding walls, height of stove legs, stove pipe vent, and other details. The inspectors will advise residents on distances, gauge the metal and thickness of asbestos to be used around the stove in order to avoid combustion.

The building department is in the process of giving wood stove inspections top priority. Both Conte and DeClementi encourage residents thinking of installing a wood burning stove to make an appointment for an inspection.



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FEEDING HILLS POSTMASTER JOSEPH DAHDAAH, a veteran of many a holiday mail rush, urges residents to cooperate with the Post Office during the upcoming holiday mail rush. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



ACCORDING TO AGAWAM POSTMASTER ROBERT DEFORGE, snowfall could slow the mail if residents do not clear the white stuff away from their mailboxes. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Postmasters Offer Holiday Mail Tips

By Stuart Parker

To ensure that all presents are safe and under the tree by Christmas, Postmasters Joseph Dahdah and Robert DeForge have offered many suggestions to help residents in making their post offices more efficient.

Approximately 2,700 parcels, more than four times the normal load, are anticipated for delivery in December between the Agawam Post Office at 723 Main Street and the Feeding Hills Post Office at 1339 Springfield Street.

To avoid a glut of parcels and late deliveries, the two veteran post masters said it's important to mail early. Out-of-state mail should be forwarded no later than December 10 and local parcels should be mailed by December 15. A turn in the weather could have an adverse effect on deliveries. The old saying "Neither rain, or snow or dark of night will keep the mailmen from their appointed rounds" may have to be put into affect, laughed Dahdah.

While priority and air mailing allows for faster delivery, it also is costly, according to DeForge. A ten pound package would normally cost \$7.15, but by air that cost rises to \$11.50.

It is also important to use zip codes on both the delivery and return address and to put the address on only one side of the parcel.

The Postal Service's stressing of using zip codes has become their trademark of sorts and during the holiday rush, it could save valuable time for your package to a friend or loved one.

To find a zip code, area mailers should call 543-2033 between 8 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and between 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Dahdah says by arriving prepared at the post office,

and by purchasing all your postage stamps at once, residents can contribute to shorter and faster lines, something people will find more than helpful during those last minute preparations for the holidays.

Because the post office uses conveyer belts when moving packages, parcels should be wrapped securely, and the delivery and return address should be put within the parcel in the event the packaging is torn.

Due to a lack of a return address, Dahdah says that some 100 letters forwarded from Feeding Hills go into the "dead letter office." Without a return address, he says, the sender is never aware that his letter did not reach its destination.

Letters mailed from one Feeding Hills address to another should be placed in the designated Feeding Hills box - not the Agawam box. If your letters going to Feeding Hills are placed in the Agawam box it nor-

mally takes another day for delivery and unnecessarily taxes the time of a busy postal worker.

And, if we're luck enough to have a white Christmas, points out DeForge, keep it "not so white" around the mail box. DeForge notes that carriers are not bound by law to deliver mail if the snow hasn't been shovelled around the mail box, thereby preventing him/her access to it.

If an anticipated parcel doesn't arrive, immediately

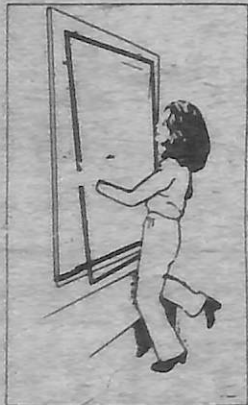
contact the post office so that a tracer can be put on it. For those of you mailing packages destined for Hawaii or Europe, ensure they are air mailed by December 11 so they will arrive before Christmas. Even then, Dahdah says, getting those overseas packages right out will save both you and the post office the holiday blues.

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SOCIAL

Postal Worker Honored At ENCORE



JEAN PENNA (center) was recently honored on her retirement at a reception held at the ENCORE. Jean has been a postal worker for 30 years and was a favorite at the Agawam Post Office. Phyllis Wells (right) chaired the banquet and Mario "Mike" DeLucchi, a mail carrier, was the Master of Ceremonies. About 85 people attended the affair. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Juniors Announce Drawing Winners

The Christmas Community Club sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Rotary have scheduled its grand prize drawing for December 16th at 12:45 p.m. at the Silver Carriage Inn. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to call Aileen Semanie at 786-4472.

Fourth drawing winners are as follows: \$50 - Albert Malone, Agawam; and J.F. Lucas, W. Splfd.; \$25 - Jeff VandenBulcke, Westfield, Norm Wytas, Westfield.

Fifth drawing winners are as follows: \$50 - Christopher Sarat, Westfield, Frances Malone, Agawam; \$25 - Everett Hodge, Agawam, Phyllis Bryan, Agawam.

Sixth drawing winners are as follows: \$50 - Arlen Meregian, Wilbraham, Thomas Dacey, Agawam; \$25 - Robert Balise, Springfield, Bryan Connery, Feeding Hills.

Nocturnal Adoration Soc. Plans Monthly Vigil

The members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will conduct their monthly vigil before the Blessed Sacrament from 9 p.m. on December 4th through 6 a.m. December 5th in St. Thomas Church, West Springfield. Fr. John T. Cain will officiate at the benediction service which will open and close the vigil. He will be assisted by Louis J. Gallerani, president, and by chairman of the St. Thomas membership William E. Sullivan.

Special Notice: Induction of new members will take place in St. Theresa's Church, Agawam, at the 6:45 p.m. mass on December 8th. Father Robert Choquette and Society President Louis Gallerani will present members with medallions and statues. This mass will fulfill members obligations for the Holy Day.

Special Notice: To those members who will be on retreat at the Passionist Monastery: bring your attendance cards, book, and badges as the group will meet from 11 p.m. to midnight in the Retreat Chapel.

Storowton Seeks Crafters To Exhibit At Festival

Area crafters who wish to exhibit and sell at Storowton Village's annual Holiday Festival and Craft Fair set for Sunday, December 6th, are urged to contact June Cook, Village director, at (413) 736-0632.

The event will take place at colonial Storowton Village and the adjacent New England Center on the grounds of the Big E in West Springfield. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highlights of the day will include rides, holiday food sampling, tours of decorated homes along the Village Green, discussion of holiday customs of yesteryear, and a visit by Santa.

Hi-Lighters Plan Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, November 28th, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, at 8 p.m. Jim DiNigris will be the caller and Lyn Beatty will cue the rounds.

ST. Anthony's Church Schedules Retreat Days

The annual retreat for men at St. Anthony of Padua Church will be held December 4th to 6th at the Passionist Retreat House, 110 Monastery Avenue, West Springfield.

Those wishing to participate should call the rectory at 786-3724 or Chairman Paul Ferrarini at 786-9574. This retreat is open to men of all faiths.

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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

MRS. HENRY LABELLE of 88 Lealand Avenue has a terrific gift idea out there for Christmas. She dresses dolls. If you're giving some special little girl a doll for Christmas, you might want to consider giving a wardrobe at the same time. Or perhaps that little girl already has a doll that is very special and what young lady, or older one, for that matter, ever has enough clothes?

Mrs. LaBelle has been at this hobby of hers for some time now and the results are obviously beautiful. She also collects old dolls, carriages, etc. If you are interested in seeing some of the things that she has done or would like to see about something to fit a particular doll, be sure and give her a call at 786-7396.

The Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club held an appreciation night on Saturday, November 21st, to honor MYRT & ROY McNAMEE of 358 Southwick Street. The potluck supper/dance was held at the Valley Community Church. The McNamees have been very active members throughout the years serving in various offices. They are moving to California the first of the year and will be greatly missed by all their friends. We join in wishing them a safe trip and good luck in their new home.



MRS. HENRY LABELLE OF 88 Lealand Avenue has some great Xmas idea. See "Friends and Neighbors."



SQUARE DANCERS Myrt and Roy McNamee were at the Valley Community Church. See "Friends and Neighbors."

On November 14th, FRANK & HELEN CORDITZ BIZA of Monroe Street celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary upon their return from their second honeymoon spent in Aruba. The celebration was just a small family affair attended by their three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, one of whom was just born in October. A third is expected in December. Their children wish them another fifty years filled with the "love and devotion that has kept them together all these years." We join them in that wish.

A very special reminder to you all. This Saturday, November 28th, is the day of the Christmas bazaar at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. It will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with many hand-crafted items, baked goods and, of course, some raffles, including that wonderful dollhouse the residents built and decorated.

Aside from the benefit you derive in finding some terrific Christmas gifts, please remember what a special day this is for all the residents. They plan on this bazaar for months and look forward to your stopping by to do a little shopping.

A happy anniversary wish is extended to Cavey's restaurant, which opened on Thanksgiving Day four years ago. We wish them congratulations and continued success.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!

You are welcome to submit items of social interest by calling Rita White at 786-4970 or the newspaper office at 786-7747.

Bazaars Upcoming Next Weekend

Two bazaars will be held next weekend for local residents to begin their Christmas shopping early.

Sacred Heart Church will hold its bazaar on Friday, December 4th, from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, December 5th from 10 to 7 o'clock. Many lovely hand-crafted items, Christmas decorations, home-baked goods, and raffle articles will be available.

St. John's Church will hold its bazaar on Saturday, December 5th, in the parish center from 9 to 4 o'clock. Many of the women of the parish have been hard at work under the direction of Mrs. James Doyle, chairperson for the event.

In addition to a wide selection of bazaar items, they will offer a snack bar and free gift-wrapping service for children. Cash prizes will be raffled.

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CARRIE DAVIS, the 1981 Western Mass. Heart Fund Princess, poses with *Advertiser/News* photographer Jack Devine, who also is the Western Mass. Heart Association's Fundraising Chairman and is quite involved in the upcoming Heart Fund Ball.

Obituary Notice

ROBERT "NINO" MORETTI

Robert "Nino" Moretti, 76, of 11 Fairview Street, Agawam, died Wednesday, November 18, 1981, at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

Born in Italy, he had been a resident of Agawam since 1936 and was the former owner of the Federal Hill Club restaurant on Cooper Street, Agawam, from 1936 until his retirement in 1978. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

He leaves his wife, Elsa (Forni) Moretti, a son Nino C. Moretti of West Simsbury, Connecticut; a daughter Mona Fravel of Portsmouth, Rhode Island; two sisters, Ida Mei of College Point, Long Island, New York, and Olympia Moretti of Agawam; and six grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel, Main Street, Agawam, was in charge of services with a mass said at St. John the Evangelist Church and burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Trading Post Slates Sale

The Trading Post at First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam, will hold a 20% off sale on Wednesday, December 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All of the post's normal budget buys will be marked down an additional 20%.

Many items for babies, clothing for school or play for children, warm jackets, scout outfits, shoes, and other kids specials will be available.

Excellent buys also exist in the men's section and the ladies' junior rack is filled to capacity. Various small household items, drapes, bedspreads, paperbacks, games, jewelry, boots and shoes are also available.

The Trading Post is open each Wednesday during the school year, and will remain open until 8 p.m. for the day of this special sale.

Operation Tiny Tim Aids Area Children During Holidays

Operation Tiny Tim, a tradition in the greater Springfield area, is underway for the third year in a row. Created and developed by WGGB-TV weatherman and Agawam resident Paul Sutton, it is conducted in liaison with the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

To participate in Operation Tiny Tim all one need do is to send a card to Tiny Tim in care of the Shriners' Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. All cards received at the hospital will be evenly distributed among the children who will be there during the holiday season.

In its first year, 12,000 cards were sent to the hospital as part of this campaign. Last year over 15,000 were received.

All residents of the greater Springfield area are urged to share in the joy of Christmas by sending holiday cards to Tiny Tim. For this minimal expense, much happiness can be spread throughout the region.

Operation Tiny Tim is symbolic of the well-known lame boy in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Not only did Tim survive, but he learned to walk again.

Gridiron Moms To Host Annual Football Banquet

The Agawam High Football Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 6 at the Polish American Club at 7:00 p.m. The banquet is sponsored by the Gridiron Moms.

Reservations may be made by contacting Mary Lee Ayre at 786-7183 on or before November 29.

The football team will be guests of the Gridiron Moms. The banquet will serve to honor the team for a winning season.

President Jeanette Dore wishes to thank everyone who helped make this a successful season, including her officers and all of the Moms' workers. A special thanks also goes to Albert and Jennie Christopher for donating their time at the recent Macaroni Supper. The Christopher's were the head chefs.

The Gridiron Moms also wish to thank local businesses for contributions made to this event. Proceeds of Gridiron Moms activities go towards scholarships for college-bound seniors on the team to help further their education.

Agawam Physician Joins Mercy Hospital Staff

Syed M.A. Hazratji, M.D. of 52 Beekman Drive in Agawam has been granted privileges in neurology at Mercy Hospital.

A graduate of the Gajra Raja Medical College in India, Dr. Hazratji interned at New Brunswick Affiliated Hospital in New Jersey and was a resident at the Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York.

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Ryan Honored At Fund Raiser



AGAWAM RESIDENTS Gerald J. Mason (left) and Jack Chiscola (right) greet Hampden County District Attorney Matthew Ryan at Chez Josef. Over 2,500 well-wishers attended the fund raiser for the veteran DA. Ryan will be again seeking the office in 1982. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



Tax Tips

By John Walsh
Agawam Accountant

TAX PLANNING: A YEAR ROUND NECESSITY

Tax planning is less a science than it is a frame of mind. Arranging your affairs to reduce your income taxes comes not so much from knowing all the tax laws and regulations, as it does from keeping the tax consequences in mind no matter what type of transactions you engage in.

There is hardly a single step that a person takes that doesn't have tax consequences for better or worse. Choosing a wedding date can save or cost you taxes. Getting married in December allows you to file a joint return with your new spouse, which may reduce the tax burden. However, if both people had about the same taxable income, it may well be that because of the "Marriage Penalty" which taxes a married couple at a higher rate than two singles, it might be better for the couple to plan their wedding after the new year.

For some deductions on your tax return, you have virtually no control over. If you break an arm or leg,

you must get medical attention and pay for that service; which gives you a deduction for medical expenses. Unless this happens toward the end of the year, you probably cannot choose the year in which to pay for it. Certain other medical expenses, such as braces for your children's teeth or plastic surgery for cosmetic purposes, can be timed for the year in which the deduction will save the most taxes.

Planning your investments can have a major impact on your taxes. Much publicity has generated an interest in the new "all saver certificates." Basically, the first \$2,000 of interest earned is tax free. However, it is not for everybody. You should generally be in a tax bracket over 30% in order to consider this an attractive investment.

Many people on fixed incomes who are in the lower tax brackets have invested in these certificates merely because they were earning tax-free income, and they did not analyze the situation to determine if an investment paying a much higher rate subject to income tax would have been better. What it comes down to is how much do you have left over after paying taxes. If a taxable investment yields \$3,000 and your income taxes are \$500, then you end up with \$2,500. That is a better earning than the \$2,000 on a similar investment, tax-free.

Proper tax planning will mean keeping good records and paying for most things by check and getting receipts. An analysis of your deductions in September will help you plan your expenditures for the rest of the tax year.

For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

Well, the holidays are here in full force now. Thanksgiving traditionally starts things off. Thanksgiving day means football games, parades on television and women spending the entire day in the kitchen so everyone can devour a fantastic meal in about 20 minutes.

I imagine that in most homes across the country, there will be a prayer of thanks given before the meal. But I wonder how many of us truly think of all the things we have to be thankful for. We spend a great deal of time of our time complaining about things in life when in fact each day should be a thanksgiving day for us all.

There is such suffering and oppression throughout the world that our daily complaints are meaningless. Set aside a little time for Thanksgiving Day to think about all the things you really have to be thankful for. And then be thankful for them.

If you have any room left after your Thanksgiving dinner and all the leftovers, there are some good lunches coming next week at the Center. Monday is **roast beef hash**; Tuesday, **turkey loaf** (You are not the only one with leftovers); Wednesday, **stuffed peppers**; Thursday, **kicche lorraine** and Friday, **fried clams**.

Beginning on Friday, December 4th, the Senior Center will be conducting blood sugar tests. They will only be given on the first Friday of every month and only 20 people per month can be tested. So, you must sign up at the Center if you wish to take advantage of this benefit.

On Thursday, December 10th, there will be a program offered at the Senior Center. WARM (Weatherization Assistance and Resource Management) is a program designed to offer consumers advice on how to lower fuel bills. This is of great importance to all of us today and any information we can learn is certainly worthwhile. Those who are on fuel assistance will be able to arrange for burner cleaning and efficiency tests at this time. Be sure and take advantage of this program. Whether you are on fuel assistance or not, you will certainly learn a great deal from this program.

A very happy birthday going out to MAUDE LEWIN on November 29th. Many more to come Maude.

The Center is now taking names for those who would like to attend the Stage West production of Lanford Wilson's "Talley's Folly." Tickets are for the Sunday matinee on December 6th and are only \$5. However, if you are interested in going, all reservations must be made at the Center by December 1. So, don't miss it. Call now.

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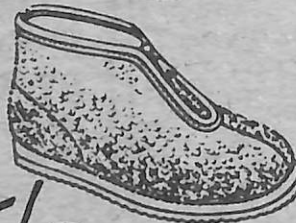
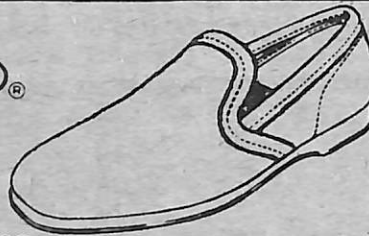
Freezers offer homemakers many ways to trim food costs. This hardworking appliance lets them take advantage of special food sales prices and quantity purchases as well as freezing and storing seasonal fruits and vegetables from the garden.

According to home economists from Whirlpool Corporation, a freezer should be selected to fit the size and needs of your individual family. Chest freezers are generally more economical than uprights to operate because they let less cold air escape when opened. On the other hand, they do take up more floor space than upright models. Many homemakers prefer the upright freezer's added convenience in storing, rotating and removing food items. In either case, if the chest or upright model is manual, it must be defrosted at frequent intervals. Ice build-up acts as an insulator, inhibiting efficient operation and increasing energy costs. Fortunately, for those families whose schedules do not permit time for frequent freezer defrosting, there are many efficient no-frost models

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FOR DON AND PHYLLIS HOUT OF FEEDING HILLS FLORIST in the Crossroads Shoppes, last weekend marked their store's first anniversary. Friends, relatives and well-wishers attended the weekend festivities, which highlighted the one year celebration. All items in the store were marked down by 20 percent and customers were treated to wine, cheese and an anniversary cake on Friday. Feeding Hills Florist is a full-service florist. Last June the Hout s expanded their facility to a full gift boutique and candy shop. The Hout s cordially invite local residents to come into their store and browse through their many wonderful Christmas displays. The Hout s also still have many beautiful Thanksgiving arrangements. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



PHYLLIS HOUT of Feeding Hills Florist displays one of the shoppe's fine center pieces for the holiday season. The floral arrangements found at the popular shop are made right there. Besides flowers, Feeding Hills Florist also carries a fine line of Ole Sturbridge Candy and many fine gifts can be located in their gift boutique. If you are looking for a unique Christmas gift, stop by and see Phyllis at the shop, located in the Crossroads Shoppes. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Wine Recommendations For The Holiday

Thanksgiving is truly a joyous time of year, an occasion to celebrate with friends and loved ones. It is also the biggest holiday in terms of wine consumption. Even those who normally don't drink wine realize that a bottle or two served with the traditional turkey dinner will add to the warmth and conviviality generated by the family gathering.

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EDITORIAL

Residents Look For Council Resolve

Now that the excitement of the town's municipal elections has subsided, we get the feeling from many residents here that the new Town Council must work towards restoring some form of order and direction to the political community.

The town has suffered for ten years of council bickering and feuding between members of the council and town managers.

With seven new faces on the council and with a local Town Manager in Edward A. Caba, we urge both the administration and council to form a cooperative bond in leading Agawam further into the 1980's.

We also ask the councilors themselves to put aside past feelings and to form a working relationship with those who may develop an opposing viewpoint.

The past November elections ended the first phase of the manager charter in Agawam. That phase has been stormy at best, but with the appointment of a local

citizen to manage the town, residents bought an appointed, professionally run government rather than an elected one.

We find the mayor-manager argument was a cloud hanging over this community, and the election has cleared the air of one important and controversial issue.

At this point, reflecting on the past ten years offers no concrete answers to Agawam's turbulent political life other than we all can learn from history. Anyone wishing for this history to repeat itself during the next council session can not be working in the best interests of the community.

As the holiday season comes and goes and the New Year gets underway, we look to the new council to bring order back into Agawam politics.

No one in this community is asking those in town government to like each other. Residents simply are looking for a resolve from the town that can lead Agawam rather than hold it in a noose of political snafus

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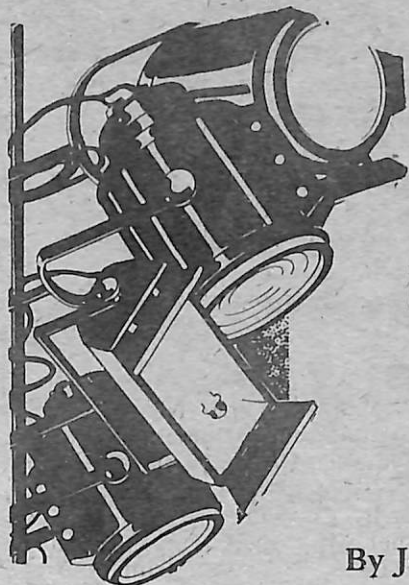
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SCHOOL NEWS

Program Of The Week



Swimming Instruction: Develop A Positive Attitude

By Joanne Brown

"Okay, everybody into the water!"

Agawam third graders hear these words once a week over a seven-week period as they are offered swimming instruction in the pool at the Junior High School. Junior high students take swimming as part of their regular physical education program twelve weeks out of the year.

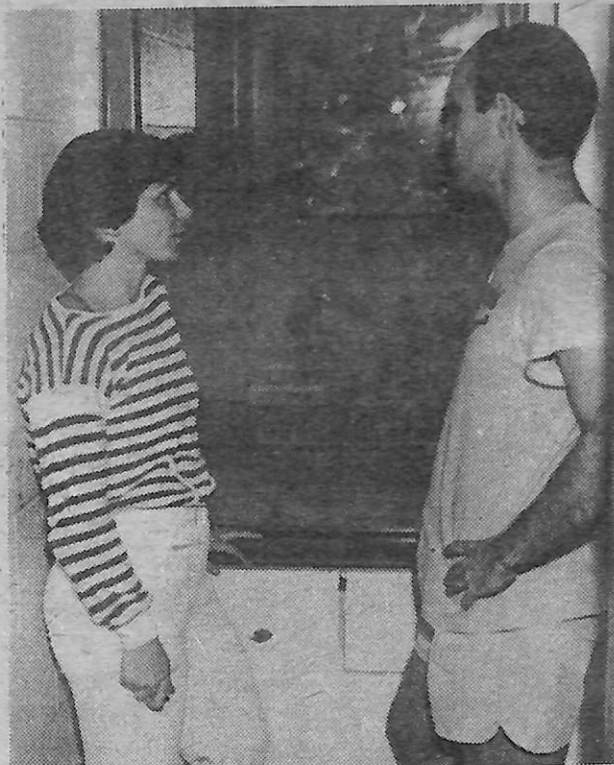
Swimming instructor David Smith explains that the twelve third grade classes from all five elementary schools are rotated into the program for seven weeks in the fall and in the spring. The junior high students are blocked into two six-week units in place of routine physical education classes.

Three days a week, Ms. Laurine Greguoli shares swimming instruction time with Smith. The other two days find her at Phelps School teaching regular physical education classes.

School officials decided to begin swimming lessons at the third grade level because of the students' physical size and their maturity at that age. They arrive at class demonstrating swimming abilities ranging from total fear of the water to competitive-level strokes.

According to Smith, the most important aspect of teaching swimming to these youngsters is to develop a positive attitude about being in and around water.

"Some kids come to the first class convinced they'll drown if they let go of the side," Smith says. "Our first job is to calm them down and make them aware of their own capabilities. It's important not to traumatize kids into hating swimming."



SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR LAURINE GREGUOLI, left, discusses the progress of several students in the program with instructor David Smith. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Every student is asked to swim one width of the pool. Those who can do that then move to the deep end for instruction. Beginners remain in the shallow end.

All youngsters are taught to perfect front and back floating, correct leg kicking, the crawl stroke, and finning and kicking. By the end of the unit, Ms. Greguoli and Smith try to have everyone to the point where he can jump into water over his head, surface, and begin to swim.

Smith explains that some kids are able to swim well in shallow water, but have a mental block in performing in water over their heads. He estimates 15% of those who arrive at class as non-swimmers leave still unable to swim. They encourage all children to continue swimming in order to improve skills.

Fear of the water is not as much of a problem at the junior high level, though a few students do

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demonstrate some. Smith and Ms. Greguoli relieve any anxiety by detailing exactly what students will be required to do.

Though instruction, of course, is based principally on strokes, much of the junior high class is centered on what Smith calls preparedness and participation. He says, "Actually, we'd prefer a pass/fail system, but we've devised a method of grading that weighs heavily on students' coming prepared to swim and actually participating to the best of his ability."

Stressing that no one is asked to do anything beyond his ability, Smith divides the overall twelve weeks into two units. The first 6-week unit includes instruction on the four competitive swim strokes - the crawl, the back, the breast, and the butterfly. Strokes are explained and demonstrated along with details of body position and force of the water.

At the end of the unit, each student is asked to swim a timed 50-yard freestyle exercise. "We believe they should at least be exposed to competitive swim strokes even if we can't realistically expect them to excel in performance," Smith points out. "We're more concerned that they can swim at least fifty yards than we are with the time they take to do it."

The second six-week unit concentrates mostly on lifesaving techniques, including one class on the Heimlich maneuver and basic CPR. This unit also includes several funtime activities in which students can play games such as water polo and space ball while simultaneously practicing skills.

Smith notes that peer pressure can sometimes cause students at the junior high age to feel uncomfortable if they don't swim well. Water games help to reduce that feeling and encourage kids to participate more freely.

After classes have ended, both instructors urge students to continue working on swimming skills to improve a lifetime sport activity that can be beneficial and fun at the same time.

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Parents are asked to verify in which rooms their children's teachers will be located. Five minutes will be allowed for each visit. Parents may wish to confer with Guidance Department personnel or administration and may go to the office for that purpose.

HCC Offers Women Re-entry Course

The Women In Business Program at Holyoke Community College is now accepting applications for the spring 1982 semester which begins January 25th and ends May 27th.

This program is designed to encourage adult women (21 or older) to enter or re-enter college and pursue their associate's degree. The only requirement to be considered for the Women In Business Program is that one have a diploma from high school or an equivalent program (GED).

Classes for this program meet three days a week - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday - starting at 9 a.m. and ending by 1 p.m.

The program is one semester designed to help adult women make the transition from homemaker and/or employee to part-time student. Two or three courses are recommended for your first semester. These are English Composition and Introduction to Business. The third course we recommend will be based on your particular area of interest at this time.

In addition, prior to January 25, we strongly urge you to take our How To Study Effectively course. This is offered for one week (mornings only) to prepare you for your first day of classes.

Financial aid is available to any woman who is eligible. Keep in mind that it takes 4-6 weeks to process these financial aid forms.

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Westfield Savings Still Growing

Westfield Savings Bank President Arthur W. Knapp has told the board of trustees during its quarterly meeting at Davio's Restaurant that total assets on October 31 were \$158.2 million, and that the bank is experiencing continued growth.

Although mortgage activity has been restricted in recent months, real estate loans on October 31 totaled \$114.7 million, reflecting a moderate gain.

Savings deposits in the quarter increased by \$3.2 million, bringing total savings deposits to \$143.3 million.

Noting that interest rates have begun a downward trend, Mr. Knapp said he is inclined to agree with forecasts indicating rates will continue this trend.

"Although the competition for the savings dollar remains intense, and volatile," Mr. Knapp said, "the Westfield Savings Bank is continuing to grow reflecting, we believe, the heritage of strength and responsibility that has been built in the 128 years since the bank was founded."

Progress on construction of a two-bay drive-in addition at bank's West Springfield office is moving along well, Mr. Knapp said, with completion scheduled for during the winter. The addition will enable Westfield Savings Bank to better serve the customers of that office, he said.

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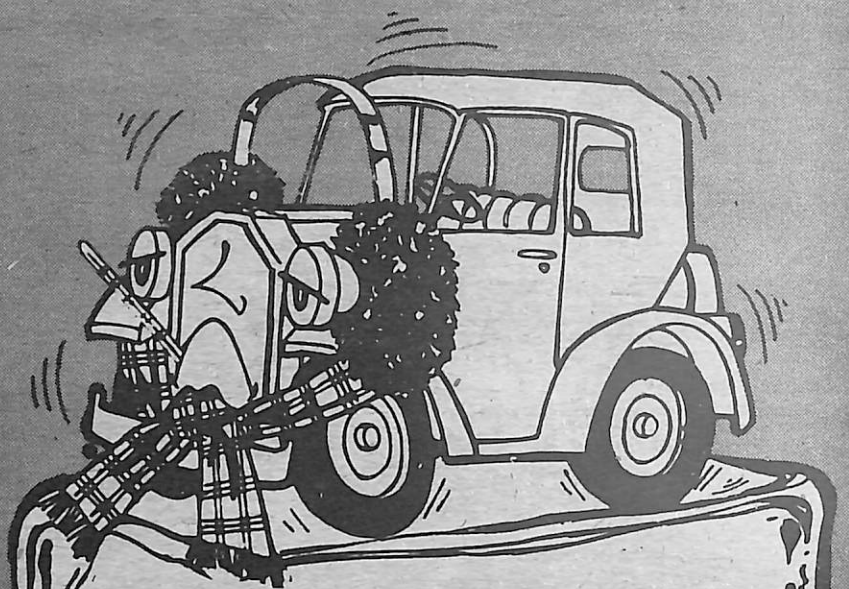


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SPORTS

A Happening Since 1920...

Brownies Face Terriers In Turkey Day Showdown

By George Sandlin

Thursday's annual Thanksgiving Day clash between Agawam and West Springfield shapes up to be a real old-fashioned barnburner at Harmon Smith Field beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Both teams, as is well-known, are arch rivals and have been since the rivalry began in 1920. The annual clash between the Brownies and Terriers ranks as one of the oldest in Western Mass.

Through the years, the locals have held a wide edge over the Terriers (36-24-1), but the Brownies have not been victorious since 1976. The past four years the Terriers have dominated Agawam as their football program has been rebuilt after many, many dismal seasons. A year ago, West Springfield humiliated the Brownies 44-14 in West Side and were again the decided favorites.

No so in 1981.

Agawam enters the contest at a strong 7-1-1 having just missed in a dramatic loss to league champ Westfield 3 weeks ago and blew a 14-point lead to settle for a 17-17 tie with highly regarded Holyoke. West Springfield was beaten by both squads but were more than competitive in both losses.

One decided edge for Agawam is they no longer have the pressure of fighting for the AA Conference title putting them through the burner and can no relax and concentrate on undoing some of the damage inflicted on them by their rivals over the past four years.

Don't let anyone kid you - this game is more than pride and still carries tremendous significance for coaches, players and fans on both sides of the gridiron.

The key to Agawam's success will be their offensive line and the ability of senior Scott Negrucci to lead the team from the quarterback slot. Agawam's defense has been a top force in the conference, and this season the offense has become a strong weapon.

Returning to the lineup for Agawam will be the outstanding senior, Paul Dezielle. The halfback has rushed for 12 touchdowns and over 800 yards this season and was sorely missed against Holyoke. Junior fullback Al Feeney is also an effective runner and Negrucci has two viable senior receivers in Jim Egan (23 catches-5 TD's) and Timmy Ayre (15 catches-2 TD's).

Negrucci has passed for 750 yards this season, rushed for 6 touchdowns and passed for another 9. He has completed 59 percent of his releases.

Agawam's defense is led by familiars Scott Josephson (linebacker), Dan Giordano (linebacker), Allan Brown and Steve Grasseti (linemen) and backfielders Tim Ayre (two-way starter) and John Darnell.

The Brownie defense has registered four shutouts this season and are the squad's bread and butter.

West Springfield's arsenal includes quarterback Frank Vye and 1000-yard rusher Vin DeStefano, who punished the Brownies a year ago for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

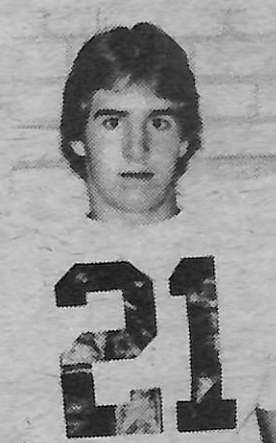
West Springfield's 5-4 record does not indicate the talent of the club and their performances have been very good but a nickel short and a day late in key games. Incentive against the Brownies along with their talented club should give Agawam all they can handle.



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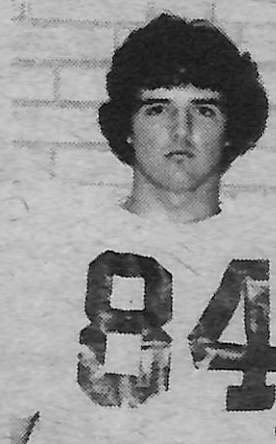
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Meet The Key Seniors...

Brownies' Experience To Hurt West Side

By Chris Hout

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the season's outset, the Advertiser/News did a brief profile on players we figured to be key factors in Brownie football 1981. For the annual West Springfield Turkey Day clash, sports reporter Chris Hout takes another look at 10 Brownie seniors, all of whom should figure significantly in Thursday's battle.

SCOTT JOSEPHSON (LB) - Without a doubt the best linebacker in the AA Conference this year. This 6-2 210 pound behemoth leads the Brownies in tackles with 109 (69 unassisted). An extremely hard hitting and aggressive ballplayer who hopes to attend either Boston College, Holy Cross or UNH next fall.

Josephson, an All-League selection in 1980, feels the Brownies are in for a real battle come Thanksgiving Day against their arch rivals. "It's going to be a real tough and hard hitting game," says Josephson, "but we're definitely going to win."

JOHN DARNELL (Safety) - "If we do our job we'll blow 'em away," says senior safety John Darnell, referring to the West Springfield encounter. "We've got a lot on this team and we're going to display it on Thanksgiving Day." Darnell, in his second year as starting safety, has recorded 35 tackles and 1 interception for the Brownies this season.

TIM AYRE (Wide Receiver-Safety) A great two-way player, Ayre starts as a wide receiver on the offense and safety on the defense. His offensive exploits include 15 catches for 250 yards and 2 touchdowns. As a safety, Ayre has picked-off 5 passes, leading the Brownies in that department.

"It's about time we beat West Side," says Ayre in reference to the fact the Terriers have won three straight from Agawam. "If we can stop Vinnie DeStefano (West Side's star halfback) from having a big day we'll beat them. Ayre, also a standout baseball player, will attend Northfield Mount Herman prep school in the fall.

SCOTT SMITH (Center) - Agawam's unsung hero. Smith, a 5'10 165 pound center often goes unnoticed on the gridiron. Smith is a great blocker and a vital cog in the Brownies offensive scheme. Smith, in his second year as the Brownies starting center, has no doubts about a Thanksgiving Day victory over West Side. "We're really psyched for this one," says Smith. "It's going to be a close game, controlled mostly one the line. We'll win. I'm sure of that."

ALLAN BROWN (Tackle) - The Brownies third leading tackler with 58 (45 unassisted). A fierce competitor now in his second full season as a starting tackle, Brown feels the locals are in for a very physical game against West Springfield.

"When you talk about West Side and Agawam you're talking about two very tough football teams who love to hit. It's going to be a great game." Brown plans on attending Springfield College next fall.

DAN GIORDANO (Linebacker/Guard) - This senior linebacker teams up with Scott Josephson to form a corps of hard hitting linebackers that is hard to match in the AA Conference. Giordano has been in on 70 tackles this season. He loves the

game and possesses a great attitude.

"The key to beating West Side is to stop DeStefano (West Side's superb halfback). If we can do that we'll be in good shape," said Giordano. We're all psyched and ready to go."

JIM EGAN (Tight End) - This 5'11 185 pound tight end leads the Brownies in pass receptions with 23, 5 of them good for touchdowns. Egan, a favorite target of QB Scott Negrucci all season, is blessed with exceptional hands and good speed. Egan feels the locals will defeat West Side if they can score two or three touchdowns. "Our defense is as good as there is in this league. Two or touchdowns should be more than enough against West Side. Egan will attend Bridgewater State in the fall.

PAUL DEZIELLE (Halfback) - The workhorse of the Brownie backfield. Dezielle, who missed the Holyoke game due to an elbow injury, has rushed for 830 yards and 12 touchdowns this season and is currently second in the AA scoring race to Westfield's Lance Hedge. Dezielle, an All-League selection in 1980, confidently declared, "We're gonna hammer West Side. There's no doubt about it. The guys are really up for this one."

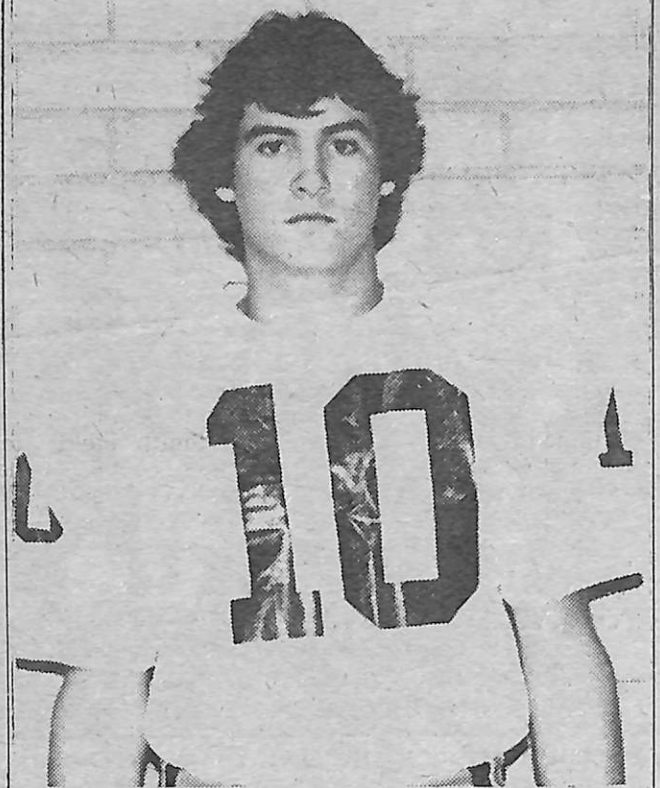
SCOTT NEGRUCCI (QB) - This senior signal caller has accounted for 15 Brownie touchdowns this season, 9 passing and 6 via the run. An engineer of the Agawam offense, Negrucci has completed 59 of 100 passes for 750 yards and is one of the most improve offensive players in the league.

"If our offensive line can contain the pass rush we'll trounce West Side," said Negrucci, referring to Thursday's Turkey Day finale with Agawam's arch rivals. Negrucci, an excellent shortstop in baseball, will attend Northfield Mount Herman prep school in the fall.

PETER LINDSAY (Kicker) - New Zealand's loss is Agawam's gain. Lindsay, a foreign exchange student from New Zealand, has booted 27 of 30 extra points and 4 field goals this season, his longest a 44-yarder against Cathedral. Lindsay also vaulted the Brownies into a 17-17 tie with Holyoke in Agawam's last game with a 34-yard field goal. One minute remained in that one.

Like his fellow teammates, Lindsay feels very confident going into Thursday's clash with West Springfield. "I think it will be a close game with a lot of hard hitting," he says. "We are really up for this game."

Negrucci Keys Thursday's Game



WE FIGURE SENIOR QUARTERBACK Scott Negrucci to be a major key in Thursday's clash with West Springfield. Negrucci has performed exceptionally well this season but when he's on top of his ever-improving game, the Brownies are as good as any club in Western Mass. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Two Local Girls Score In Gym Meet

On Saturday, November 21st, the Western Mass. Girls Gymnastics Championship meet was held, and two Agawam representatives scored impressively.

Carol Chartier totalled a 2.9 on the uneven bars, and Ellen Smith accumulated a 5.4 score on the balance beam.

Gymnastics team coach Laurine Greguoli expressed pleasure in having two of her girls qualify to participate in the meet.

12-14 B Hockey Team Defeats Holyoke Squad

The Agawam Hockey Association's 12-14 B team sponsored by the Agawam Rotary Club defeated Holyoke 8-1 in recent action at the Enfield Twin Rinks.

Coach Larry Bouchard reports that the six team members who scored goals were Bob Barbarini (3), David Veilleux, David Keeney, Larry Bouchard, Bobby Coelln, and Paul Morris.

Assists went to Sean O'Clair (2), John Kovalsky (2), Bob Barbarini, Paul Morris, David Keeney, Larry Bouchard, and Mike Parolo.

Although they did not figure in the scoring, Bobby McMullen and Lee Chrisanthopolus played outstanding games for the winners. Goalie Mike Parolo had another strong, steady game at goalie.

Agawam Native Plays AIC Basketball

Karen Tyburski, daughter of John and Evelyn Tyburski of 525 Cooper Street, Agawam, is a member of the 1981-82 basketball team at American International College.

The 5'6" senior is expected to play guard for the Yellow Jackets this season.

Miss Tyburski is a business education major at AIC.

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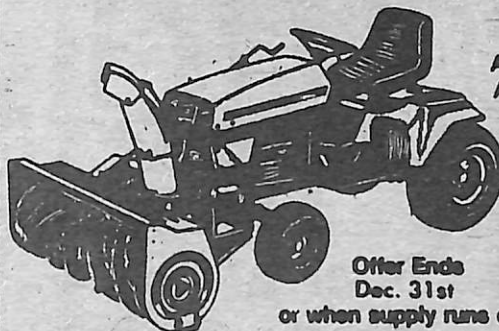
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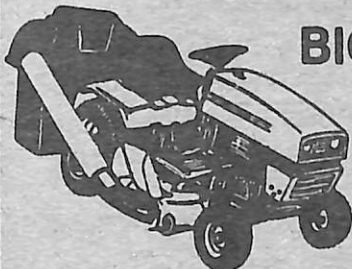
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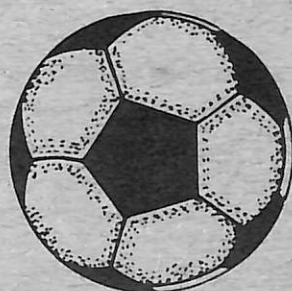
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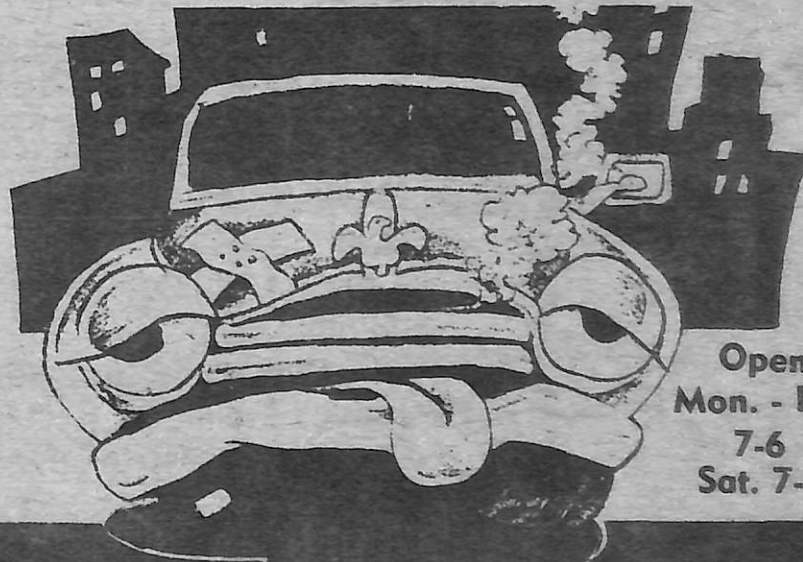
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By Bill Chiba

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Elected to the Board of Directors were PAUL QUERY AND JOHN SCHUTT.

The next meeting of the club is December 8 at 6:30 p.m. The annual Christmas Party will be held at that time. Bring a goodie for the raffle to help offset the expenses.

The children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 13 from 2 - 4 p.m. Children under 12 years and under will be treated to a joyous day by the club.

A plea for assistance was just received from Mrs. Rose Guidi who had the misfortune of having her poodle "Jubie" run off after a cat with his lease attached to him. The dog has his license (498) attached to his collar. Rose lives on the lower end of Cooper Street. She is offering a reward for the return of the dog. If you should see Jubie please call Rose at 786-8496.

The bow season ended Saturday with a lot of the old timers still looking for their deer and a great many of the novices who scored remarking, "There's nothing to this sport of bowhunting." MARK ROSSI was the last lucky hunter to check in a buck at Tolland at Gene and Peg Papas' Country Store.

Mark dropped a button buck. My hunting companion for a couple of days downed a nice 110 pound spike buck. TONY MARCIL made it three deer for this fall. He has the Connecticut season left and is pursuing a large buck. He has hopes of marking four deer with the bow by the time the season ends in the Nutmeg state.

Tony and I spent the last day together in Sandisfield and later on we dropped down to Tolland. We saw eight deer the last day together in Sandisfield and later on we dropped down into Tolland. We saw eight deer that day and could not get a shot. Three of the eight were nice, large bucks.

All indications show that the archery kill will surpass previous years by almost 2 to 1. The allowing of two deer (one with the bow and one with the gun) sure brought out the novices and many of them dropped deer. Then the ones that did not report deer taken in previous years had nothing to lose by reporting one this year. This has to be taken into consideration.

Old timers in Agawam, like NOEL BROWN, BOB BRIGGS, DOUG KERR, GARY KERR and RON GIORDANO and many more have to chalk up an "O" for this past season. This writer is no exception. I have an excuse - I'm over hill.

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